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SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON BALINESE OFFICIALS

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1. FOLLOWING IS BIO DATA REQUESTED REFTEL; PLEASE USE WHATEVER SEEMS APPROPRIATE FOR VISIT.

2. BRIGADIER GENERAL SOEKARMEN, GOVERNOR OF BALI. BORN IN EAST JAVA IN 1925, HE JOINED THE INDONESIAN "HOMELAND DEFENSE FORCES" DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION AND BECAME A COMPANY COMMANDER IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY AFTER PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE. FROM 1950-62 HE OCCUPIED VARIOUS UNIT COMMAND POSITIONS IN EAST JAVA'S BRAWIJAYA DIVISION. IN 1962, HE BECAME ARMY DISTRICT COMMANDER IN BALI, AND TOOK COMMAND OF THE 16TH ARMY REGION. (WHICH INCLUDES BALI AND THE NUSA TENGGARAS) IN 1965. IN 1967, HE BECAME GOVERNOR OF BALI. GOVERNOR SOEKARMEN DOES NOT USE HIS MILITARY RANK, SPEAKS AND UNDERSTANDS ADEQUATE

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ENGLISH BUT SEEMS HAPPIER IN INDONESIAN. HE IS A GENIAL, EVEN

JOLLY MAN, WITH ALL THE JAVANESE SOCIAL GRACES. HE HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB FOSTERING TOURISM IN BALI, MAINTAINING THE ISLAND'S UNIQUE CULTURE, AND PROMOTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN RICE. HE MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VIEWX ON INCREASED AMERICAN TOURISM IN LIGHT OF THE IMPROVING WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND MAY MENTION THE NEW MERPATI AND GARUDA CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN BALI AND THE WEST COAST. THE GOVERNOR HAS A PET TOURISM PROJECT, THE NUSA DUA COMPLEX, WHICH IS CURRENTLY LANGUISHING BECAUSE EIGHT OF THE ORIGINAL 12 APPLICANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL HOTEL SITES HAVE WITHDRAWN. GOVERNOR SOEKAGXEN PLAYS TENNIS, AND IS AN EXPERT IN THE JAVANESE AND BALINESE WAYANG KULIT. HE HAS BEEN QUITE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL ON PROBLEMS INVOLVING AMERICANS IN BALI. HE IS MARRIED, WITH SEVERAL CHILDREN.

3. TJOKORDE RAI PARSI SUKAWATI, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. MR. PARSI IS A FORMER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WITH BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA AND THE NETHERLANDS. HE IS FROM BALINESE NOBLE ORIGIN IN UBUD, ONE OF THE MAIN SEATS OF HIGH BALINESE CULTURE, WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL VISIT. HE IS QUITE PLEASANT AND FRIENDLY, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, MANAGES HIS OFFICE AND RESPONSIBILITIES EFFECTIVELY. HE RECENTLY VISITED AUSTRALIA FOR TWO MONTHS ON AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GRANT.

4. BRIGADIER GENERAL SOEWENO, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 16TH ARMY REGION (BALI AND THE NUSA TENGGARA ISLANDS) REPLACED HIS PREDECESSOR, BRIGADIER GENERAL IGNATIUS PRANOTO, ON MARCH 5, 1976. HE IS A NEW OFFICER IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT AND WE HAVE NO BIO DATA ON HIM IN OUR FILES, AND NO OPPORUNITY TO CALL ON HIM AS YET. SUGGEST DAO OR POL MAY HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON HIS PREVIOUS CAREER.

5. OTHER OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE BTI PROVINCE GOVERNING COUNCIL ("MUSPIDA") WHO MAYNBE INVOLVED IN THE VISIT ARE BRIEFLY SKETCHED BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT LIKE THE GOVERNOR AND ARMY REGIONAL COMMANDER, NONE ARE BALINESE, A SITUATION WHICH HAS CAUSED MR. PARSI SOME EMBARRASSMENT WITH VISITORS IN THE PAST.

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6. MAJOR GENERAL (POLICE) HARTAWAN, COMMANDER OF POLICE REGION XI (BALI AND THE NUSATENGGARA ISLANDS) A MADURESE BORN IN PROBOLINGGO IN EAST JAVA, GENERAL HARTAWAN WAS ASSIGNED TO BALI IN EARLY -974 AFTER A LENGTHY TOUR IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN JAKARTA. HE SPEAKS ADEQUATE ENGLISH, HAS BECOME FASCINATED BY BALINESE CULTURE, AND HIS HOBBY IS HOME MOVIES. HE IS REPUTEDLY CLOSD WITH GENERAL SUMITRO, FORMERLY KOPKAMTIB

COMMANDER, WHO WAS A CLASSMATE AND STUDENT ARMY COMRADE IN  
PROBOLINGGO.

7. PANOENSOENAN NASUTION S.H., CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF BALI. AN  
ETHNIC BATAK, NASUTION IS PROUD OF HIS REPUTATION AS A STRICT,  
NON-NONSENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL. HE PLAYED A KEY AND  
NOT ALWAYS SALUTORY ROLE IN THE NUDIST ARREST CASE. HE  
SPEAKS ENGLISH, BUT NOT WELL. UNQUOTE  
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